

ARMY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM - 2007

Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) announces the Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) Army Congressional Fellowship Program (ACFP). This program is designed to educate and train selected Army officers and civilians in congressional activities, emphasizing those matters regarding the Department of Defense. The FY07 ACFP supersedes all previous congressional fellowship programs. It will begin August 2006 and end at the conclusion of the Second Session of the 109th Congress (approximately Oct/Nov 2007). Selected officers and civilians begin the fellowship with a HQDA orientation from August 2006 until December 2006. Military fellows will be temporarily assigned to the Army Secretariat or Staff in support of the legislative affairs function. Civilian fellows remain in their current position if it is in the geographic area. All fellows participate in the orientation, which includes a variety of meetings and seminars, educational readings, and attendance at the one-week Force Integration Course. After the HQDA orientation, fellows complete a classroom phase with the institution or foundation chosen as the FY07 ACFP sponsor. Fellows will then serve as staff members for Members of Congress. Fellows are typically given responsibility for drafting legislation, arranging congressional hearings, writing speeches and floor statements, and briefing Members for committee deliberations and floor debate. Military fellows incur an active duty service obligation of not less than three times the length of the fellowship (IAW Army Regulation 350-100, paragraph 2-8(b)). Civilian fellows also incur a service obligation (IAW Title 5, United States Code, Section 410.309 and Section 4108). Immediately following the fellowship, military officers will be assigned to a position requiring expert knowledge of the operations of Congress for a two-year utilization. Civilian fellows return to their position held prior to participating in the ACFP. If you have any questions regarding the program refer to the Office, Chief Legislative Liaison (OCLL) web site at <http://www.hqda.army.mil/ocll> or to AR 1-202, Army Congressional Fellowship Program, this regulation is currently under revision.

The Army Selection Board will convene on 17, 18, 19, 20 October 2005 to select finalists. OCLL will conduct interviews to determine final selection. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to submit their top candidates for this prestigious opportunity. Interested individuals should follow the appropriate application guidance from their respective proponent below:

Active Component (AC). Eligible nominees must: hold the rank of major; have accrued Active Federal Commissioned Service of not more than 14 years, as of 1 January 2006; be a Command and General Staff College (CGSC) graduate; have no adverse actions pending; meet Army height and weight requirements; has demonstrated and serves as an example of the "Warrior Ethos"; not owe an Army Educational Requirements System (AERS) utilization obligation or will complete obligation by August 2006; be able to complete full fellowship and an immediate two year utilization obligation, deferments from utilization assignment will not be approved; have potential for future military service; and not be competing for any other fellowship, scholarship or program. Eligible Active Component majors must request permission to compete by submitting the following to their career assignment officer, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) prior to 6 September 2005: a DA Form 4187 with the following information: mailing address, email address, work telephone number, and the statement "I request permission to compete for the ACFP". The DA Form 4187 must be signed & approved by immediate field grade supervisor, also include your signed active duty service obligation (ADSO) statement. A congratulatory statement, with further instructions on what to submit for the selection board packet, will be emailed to those that are approved to compete. Visit our website at <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/opfamacs/Fellows03.htm> for information and links to the DA Form 4187 and ADSO statement. Candidates must ensure their Career Management Individual File (CMIF) is current with college transcripts and official military photo.

Army Reserve. The program is open to Army Reserve Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) majors and lieutenant colonels. Interested AGR officers must: have a Mandatory Removal Date of 1 September 2010 or later, be a Command General Staff College (CGSC) graduate by September 2005, have completed three years in AGR program by September 2005, be a major (no Date Of Rank restrictions) or lieutenant colonel (Date Of Rank not earlier than 6 October 2003), have a Basic Active Service Date of 1 September 1990 or later (not waiverable). Fellows incur a two-year utilization assignment immediately following fellowship. For information on the duties and responsibilities of an Army Reserve Congressional Fellow, please contact LTC Matthew Buretz at matthew.buretz@ocar.army.pentagon.mil, (703) 601-0837 or Ms. Linda Moore at Linda.citro.moore@ocar.army.pentagon.mil, (703) 601-0837. Questions on the application process and eligibility should be addressed to Career Management Officers (CMOs) at Active Reserve Active Duty Management Directorate (ARADMD). Additional inquiries about packet contents and eligibility criteria will also appear on the Human Resources Command-STL (HRC-STL) WEB site www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil. Qualified applicants will be required to formally apply for the program to HRC-STL (AHRC-ARO) 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5200 via Department of the Army Form 4187. Applications must be received no later than 1 August 2005.